

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (original) A subliminal audio burglar deterrent system, comprising:
 - a playback system operable to broadcast audible sounds, the playback system including at least one loudspeaker, a signal amplifier, and a signal source;
 - media operably compatible with the playback system;
 - wherein the media includes at least one prerecorded dynamic audio signal, not consciously perceivable, operably configured to simulate the presence of at least one person or animal in a space being protected;
 - wherein the at least one prerecorded dynamic audio signal further includes
 - being capable of reproduction with maximum realism on a conventional sound reproduction system, which may be hidden or at least unobtrusive,
 - being recorded utilizing primarily midrange and high audible frequencies with no compression of the at least one audio signal for maximum realism,
 - being monaurally recorded for optimum concentration of sound dispersal,
 - being capable of endless playback with no perceived periods of silence greater than 10 seconds in length;
 - wherein the at least one prerecorded dynamic audio signal is recorded at a recording level that is relatively high as compared to the ambient background noise; and
 - wherein application of the subliminal audio burglar deterrent system has a subliminal effect on a listener so as to dissuade the listener from committing a burglary in the space being protected.
2. (original) The invention according to Claim 1 wherein the media is a compact disk (CD).
3. (original) The invention according to Claim 1 wherein the subliminal effect is achieved by recording the at least one prerecorded dynamic audio signal in a rhythm so as to engage the listener's mind unconsciously so as to create fear and trepidation.
4. (original) The invention according to Claim 1 wherein the subliminal effect is achieved by playback of at least one man's voice having a deep and serious tone.

5. (original) The invention according to Claim 1 wherein the at least one prerecorded dynamic audio signal contains recordings of household noises.

6. (currently amended) The invention according to Claim 5 wherein the household noises comprise at least one of the following: sounds of a vacuum cleaner; sounds of a blender, sounds of at least one person's footsteps; sounds of at least one door opening and closing; sounds of cutlery being used; sounds of at least one chair being moved; sounds of a computer keyboard being used; sounds of a facsimile machine in use; sounds of a telephone being used; sounds of a knife being sharpened; sounds of at least one dog growling, barking, chirping, or howling; sounds of a printer in use; sounds crockery being moved; sounds of an electric toothbrush being used; sounds of at least one carpentry tool being used.

7 - 20. (cancelled).

21. (original) The invention according to Claim 1 wherein the at least one prerecorded dynamic audio signal contains recordings of workplace noises.

22. (currently amended) The invention according to Claim 21 wherein the workplace noises comprise at least one of the following: sounds of at least one person's footsteps; sounds of at least one door opening and closing; sounds of at least one chair being moved; sounds of a computer keyboard being used; sounds of a facsimile machine in use; sounds of a telephone being used; sounds of a photocopier being used.

23 - 28. (cancelled).

29. (original) A subliminal audio burglar deterrent device, comprising:

at least one prerecorded dynamic audio signal, not consciously perceivable, operably configured to simulate the presence of at least one person or animal in a space being protected, the at least one audio signal being chosen on the basis that it can only be made by people or animals in attendance and not by machinery left to run unattended;

the at least one prerecorded dynamic audio signal further including
being capable of reproduction with maximum realism on a conventional sound reproduction system, which may be hidden or at least unobtrusive,

being recorded utilizing primarily midrange and high audible frequencies with no compression of the at least one audio signal for maximum realism,

being monaurally recorded for optimum concentration of sound dispersal, being capable of endless playback with no perceived periods of silence greater than 10 seconds in length;

wherein the at least one prerecorded dynamic audio signal is recorded at a recording level that is relatively high as compared to the ambient background noise; and

wherein application of the subliminal audio burglar deterrent device has a subliminal effect on a listener so as to dissuade the listener from committing a burglary in the space being protected.

30. (original) The invention according to Claim 29 wherein the subliminal effect is achieved by recording the at least one prerecorded dynamic audio signal in a rhythm so as to engage the listener's mind unconsciously so as to create fear and trepidation.

31. (original) The invention according to Claim 29 wherein the subliminal effect is achieved by playback of at least one man's voice having a deep and serious tone.

32. (original) The invention according to Claim 29 wherein the at least one prerecorded dynamic audio signal contains recordings of household noises.

33. (currently amended) The invention according to Claim 32 wherein the household noises comprise at least one of the following: sounds of a vacuum cleaner; sounds of a blender; sounds of at least one person's footsteps; sounds of at least one door opening and closing; sounds of cutlery being used; sounds of at least one chair being moved; sounds of a computer keyboard being used; sounds of a facsimile machine in use; sounds of a telephone being used; sounds of a knife being sharpened; sounds of at least one dog growling, barking, chirping, or howling; sounds of a printer in use; sounds of crockery being moved; sounds of an electric toothbrush being used; sounds of at least carpentry tool being used.

34 - 47. (cancelled).

48. (original) The invention according to Claim 29 wherein the at least one prerecorded dynamic audio signal contains recordings of workplace noises.

49. (currently amended) The invention according to Claim 48 wherein the workplace noises comprise at least one of the following: sounds of at least one person's footsteps; sounds of at least one door opening and closing; sounds of at least one chair being moved; sounds of a computer keyboard being used; sounds of a facsimile machine in use; sounds of a telephone being used; sounds of a photocopier being used.

50 - 55. (cancelled).

56. (original) The invention according to Claim 1, wherein the media also includes at least one prerecorded audio signal that is consciously perceptible by a listener.

57. (original) The invention according to Claim 56, wherein the at least one consciously perceptible prerecorded audio signal contains content that is deterrent in nature to an intruder.

58. (original) The invention according to Claim 29, wherein the media also includes at least one prerecorded audio signal that is consciously perceptible by a listener.

59. (original) The invention according to Claim 58, wherein the at least one consciously perceptible prerecorded audio signal contains content that is deterrent in nature to an intruder.